

Helga Township
Regular Meeting of Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of
January 28, 2014

PRESENT: Don Clay-Chairman, Supervisors; Jeff Schussman, Joanna Olson- Hammerstrom, Dale Berglund, Mark Lawyer, Treasurer-Jeanie Porter, Clerk-Sue Adkins

Meeting called to order, 7:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance recited

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Dec 17, 2013 Regular Meeting and January 7, 2014 Special Meeting

Reviewed; **Motion** made by Jeff Schussman to approve both minutes, **Second** by Don Clay, **Approved**

CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL/NET PAYROLL LIST

Reviewed; **Motion** made by Don Clay to approve the Helga Township claims list, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**

Treasurer's Report:

Jeanie Porter, gave the report. **Motion** made by Don Clay to approve the treasurer's report, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**

Town hall:

Christmas program was very well received. The propane has been turned down and using more electric because of the current cost. A box has been built for recreation equipment-note will be put on the website to ask for donations. Cleaning and painting continues. AV carts and floor mats have been purchased from the school district we could use a projector in the future. Rental inquires continue. Still an interest in getting someone to do gun safety training at the hall.

Motion made by Don Clay to approve Joanna Olson- Hammerstrom to continue to search for someone who would be interested to do gun safety training, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**

Road Update:

Plowing is going well the ditches will be pushed back to allow for better water runoff when it gets a little warmer.

Land Use Report:

Jeff Schussman, noted there was only 2 building permits this last month, one was an after the fact.

Planning & Zoning:

Mona Dagestad was in the audience and asked what direction the board was taking as far as the ordinance and how that would affect what the Planning Commission should be working on. The board noted that the Planning Commission has been working on forms and that they should continue to do so. The board is going to focus on the ordinance and the two workforces will come together. The Planning Commission meeting dates were discussed and decided to keep them on the first Wednesday of the month for now. The Special Meeting for the board to work on the ordinance needs to be changed.

Motion was made by Don Clay to have a Special Meeting on February 5th, **Second** by Joanna Olson- Hammerstrom, **Approved**. Discussion continued in regards to the special meeting and the planning and zoning meetings.

Motion was made by Don Clay to amend the previous motion to have the Special Meeting on Monday, February 3rd, 7:00 and Planning and Zoning can meet on February 5th, **Second** by Mark Lawyer, **Approved**.

It was noted that Eric Schulke has not been attending the planning meetings.

Motion was made by Don Clay to dismiss Eric Schulke from the Planning and Zoning due to numerous unexcused absences, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**. A letter will be sent to Eric.

Fee Schedule:

The fee schedule needs to be reviewed. The sign fees and the land use permit needs to be looked at. Other entities use square footage to decide the fee. At \$50 the township is losing money on land use permits.

Helga Township
Regular Meeting of Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of
January 28, 2014

Motion was made by Don Clay to table the fee schedule until the February 3rd meeting, **Second** by Mark Lawyer, **Approved**.

Insurance Schedule:

The current insurance schedule was reviewed. It was decided that the building is low and should be updated. It was decided that we should have an adjuster come out and give us an idea of what it should be insured for. Sue Adkins, will find out if we can have a representative from MAT come out.

Hubbard County:

The county wants to know if we will be having the same amount of footage for Calcium Chloride. It will be the same as last year.

License Renewal:

Maple Ridge needs approval for a 3.2 license renewal. Don Clay, asked for comments or if anyone has heard of any concerns-there were none. **Motion** was made by Jeff Schussman to approve the 3.2 license renewal for Maple Ridge, **Second** by Don Clay, **Approved**.

Hubbard County Sewer Compliance:

It was decided that the township would not enact an ordinance for sewers and would let Hubbard County enforce their ordinance for the township.

Motion was made by Don Clay to continue with our current ordinance and allow Hubbard County to enforce the sewage ordinance for Helga Township, **Second** by Dale Berglund, **Approved**.

Township Meeting:

Don Clay and Mark Lawyer attended and said it was well attended. The DNR spoke on Wolfs. Hubbard County talked about a possible wheelage tax that may be implemented; there will be a meeting on Feb 18th, 7:00 in Lake George; notice is on website. MAT did a presentation on CTAS and the new update will come out December 18th.

Cemetery:

The cemetery road is still in the works, we have petitioned to have the 1991 case reopened and amended which should save us money.

2014 Meetings:

Board of Audit; 2/11, Budget Meeting 3/4, Annual Meeting 3/11, Local Board of Equalization 4/23, Regular board meetings 4th Tues of the month, Planning meetings 1st Wed of the month, March meeting changed to 3/18, December meeting changed to 12/20. The MAT training will be on April 2nd.

Motion was made by Don Clay to except the 2014 meeting dates, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**.

Motion was made by Don Clay to approve the April 2nd spring short course training with a cost of \$50 a person and \$15 an hour for the board, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**.

Crosby Litigation:

Don Clay noted that he had heard good news from the attorney regarding the Crosby litigation. Helga Township's motion for Summary of Judgment has been Granted and Doug Crosby's counterclaims have been Dismissed. It also states that Doug Crosby shall comply with any and all requests by Helga Township to restore or correct excavations made. He would have 60 days to appeal. Attorney Alsop and Bayliss have requested to be able to do a press release.

Motion was made by Don Clay to allow Attorney Alsop and Bayliss do a press release, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**.

Helga Township
Regular Meeting of Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of
January 28, 2014

Security Plus:

Security Plus sent a monitoring contract for approval and signing.

Motion was made by Jeff Schussman to approve signing of the contract, **Second** by Don Clay, **Approved**.

Thunderbolt Rd:

There has been an inquiry as to the specifications to take over the road-No interested parties were present at meeting

Correspondence:

A letter of interest for brushing work

Motion to adjourn made by Don Clay, **Seconded** by Jeff Schussman, **motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adkins, Clerk

Donald Clay, Chairman